

Clean Water Begins at Home.

Many pollutants around our homes are washed down the storm drains directly into our waterways. The same waterways our children swim in and explore.





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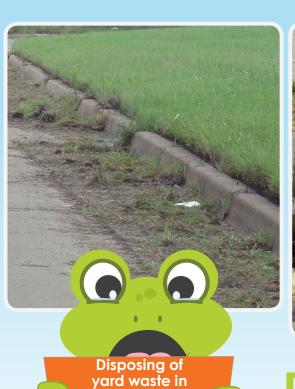
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TAKING CARE OF YOUR LAWN, HELPS TAKE CARE OF MINE.

Here are a few things you can do to make sure both our homes stay clean and tidy.

- Turn your yard waste into compost or mulch for your garden.
- Use proper dosage when treating your lawn and avoid overwatering to prevent runoff.
- Mow grass without a lawnmower bag and leave clippings to naturally decompose.
 Don't worry, this will not produce thatch.
- Dispose of used fluids properly when working on your lawn mower.
- Plant in bare spots in your yard, it looks better and helps prevent runoff and erosion.
- Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly through your garbage service. If you've got a garden shovel and plastic baggie, you've already got what it takes to take care of the lawn bombs hiding in the grass.

HOW BAD CAN IT BE? LET ME TELL YOU!





Disposing of yard waste in the street or stormwater system is illegal



DID YOU KNOW?

- Many household products can poison fish and other water animals. Debris such as plastics, bottles, and cigarette butts can injure and sometimes kill fish and other wildlife...like me! Please dispose of them properly.
- Pet waste is a major contributor to harmful bacteria that makes activities like swimming, boating and fishing unsafe. It can also cause diseases in humans and other animals.
- Fertilizer and lawn clippings can create unsightly algae that are harmful to water animals.
- Sediment destroys living habitats making it difficult for plants to grow, while also creating more problems with cloudy water and erosion.